

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**KODY RYAN KELSO,**

[DOB 2-22-1991]

Defendant.

**No. 21-3082-01-CR-S-SRB**

**COUNT 1**

18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e)

NLT 15 Years Imprisonment

NMT 30 Years Imprisonment

NMT \$250,000 Fine

NLT 5 Years, or Life, Supervised Release

Class B Felony

**COUNT 2**

18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)

NLT 10 Years Imprisonment

NMT Life Imprisonment

NMT \$250,000 Fine

NLT 5 Years, or Life, Supervised Release,

Class A Felony

Restitution

\$100 Special Assessment

\$5,000 JVT A Special Assessment

**COUNT 1**

(Sexual Exploitation of a Child)

18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)

18 U.S.C. § 2252(e)

Beginning on an unknown date, but as early as January 1, 2021, and continuing through June 16, 2021, said dates being approximate, in Greene County, in the Western District of Missouri, and elsewhere, the defendant, **KODY RYAN KELSO**, did, and attempted to, employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, “CCbutterfly,” to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, which visual depiction was intended to be transported in interstate commerce, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and 2251(e).

**COUNT 2**  
(Coercion and enticement)  
18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)

Beginning on an unknown date, but as early as January 1, 2021, and continuing through June 16, 2021, said dates being approximate, in Greene County, in the Western District of Missouri, and elsewhere, the defendant, **KODY RYAN KELSO**, did use any facility and means of interstate commerce, that is, the internet and the cellular telephone network, to knowingly persuade, induce, and entice “CCbutterfly,” an individual who had not attained the age of 18 years, to engage in any sexual activity for which any person could be criminally charged under state law, which prohibits any person from having sexual intercourse and deviate sexual intercourse with another person who is less than fourteen years of age, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b).

**A TRUE BILL**

/s/ Monica Stone  
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

/s/ Stephanie Wan  
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